Quilting Arts. PRESENTS: Reader Challenge Highlights | Featuring 100+ Examples of Quilting Artists' Work





editor's note



You know what they say – time flies when you're having fun!

At QUILTING ARTS, we've had an amazing amount of fun over the past 18 years, producing 100 issues and counting... each with its own special theme or focus. We've published countless articles on techniques and tips for art quilters, including art business strategies; reviews and galleries of quilt exhibitions; and profiles of professional artists. But by far, one of the most anticipated features in each magazine is the reader challenge, showcasing the artistry of the magazine community.

I believe the reader challenges are so popular because it is often the place where an emerging artist's quilts are first published. Back in the spring of 2005, that was true for me as well. I will never forget seeing my artwork on the pages of QUILTING ARTS for the first time, and feeling the joy of artistic validation. My goal had always been to have my work published - and QUILTING ARTS made it happen for me and for many of my fellow readers.

The following pages contain artwork a few of our favorite reader challenges. From the incredible artist trading card challenge of 2004 where more than 800 ATCs were submitted (I think that was the highest number yet!) to the most recent reader challenge published in the 100th issue featuring a "time flies" themed postcard, each of the challenges has resulted in amazing artwork by our incredible readers.

We are continually inspired by your artwork. Keep those reader challenge quilts coming!

Best,

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Vivika Hansen DeNegre, Editor

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Quilts: Piecing Abstraction

Shape Shifting

MISA West - Tanque Verde Ranch Campus

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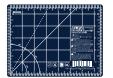


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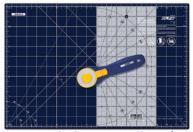
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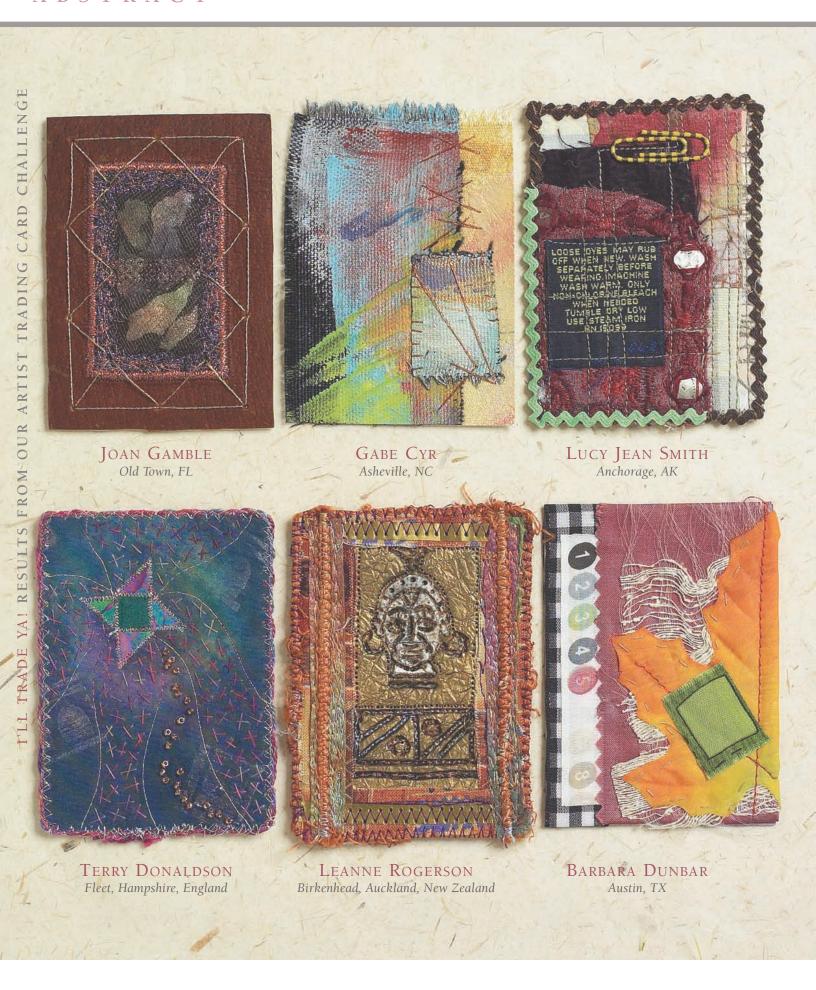
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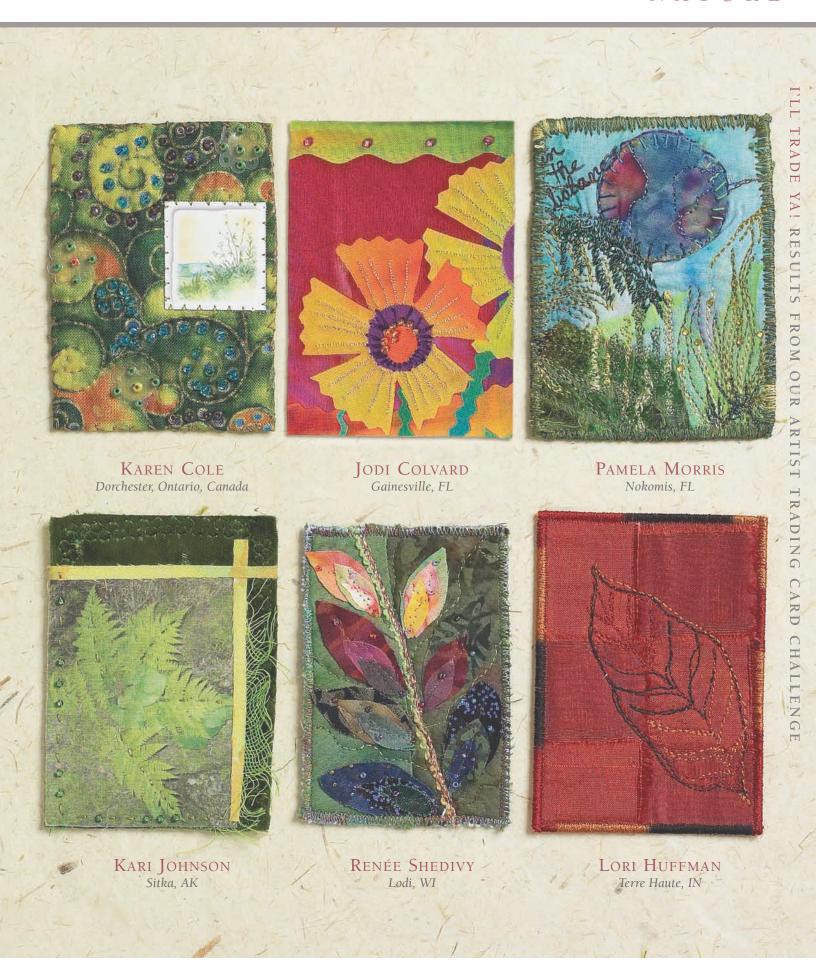


















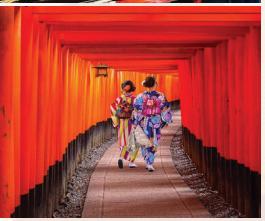


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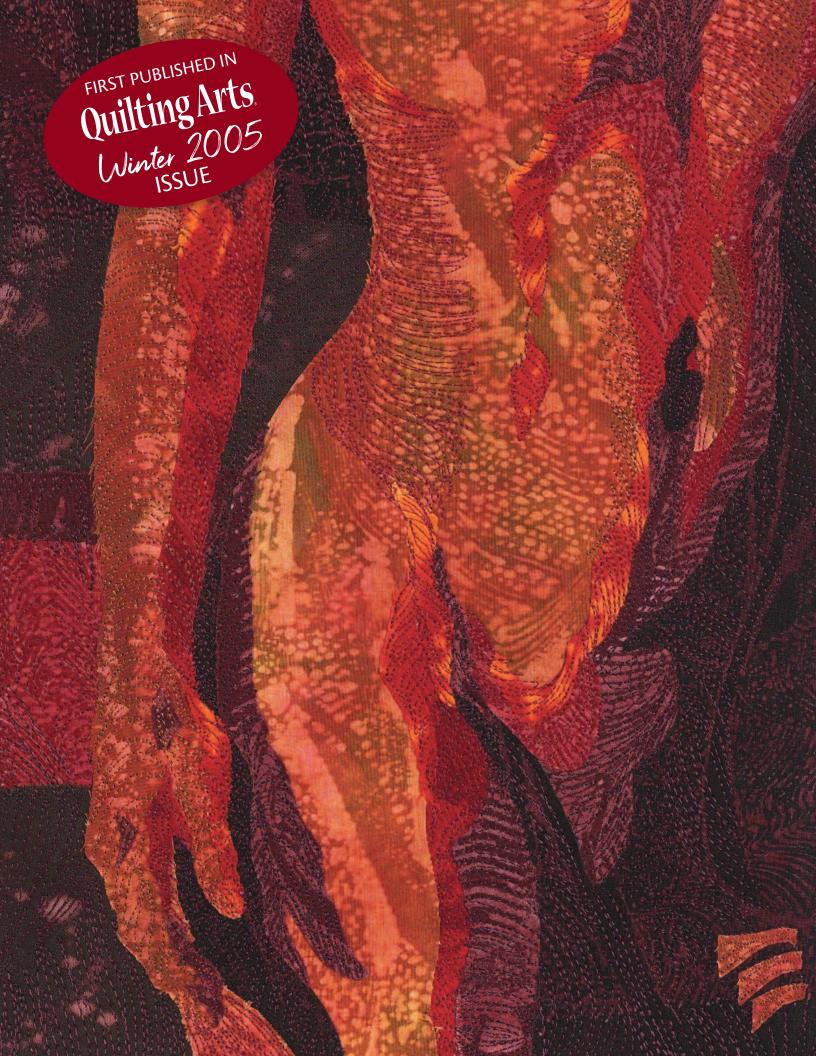
Tour starts in Tokyo and concludes in Kyoto.

Please note the dates for the 2020 tour will be confirmed after the Tokyo Quilt Show Committee makes their formal announcement in July 2019.



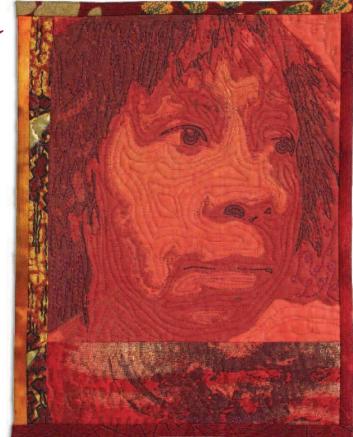
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Creative self-portrait

ainterly and playful. Silly and self-mocking. Wistful and whimsical. Funny, frank, and fearless. We received nearly 500 Creative Self-portraits in response to our challenge, inspired by Yvonne Porcella's quilts by the same name. Some of our readers followed Yvonne's style, adding their own creative twists with embellishments and fabric. Others went in a completely different direction using techniques like thread and whole cloth painting, photo transfers, and beading to depict their entangled locks or their state of mind on a particular day.





Left: ELIZABETH POOLE • Garrison, NY "Study in Reds"

Above right: MARION COLEMAN • Castro Valley, CA "Hot Flash"

Right: ELIN WATERSTON • South Salem, NY "fugue-state"

"My self-portrait, 'fugue-state,' is my view of myself—wearing headphones, rapt in music, in the colors of my unique reality."



JULIE HIGGINS • Unionville, IN "Bibs, Bangs, and Blue Eyeshadow" "In the words of Popeye, I yam what I yam."



PAT CLUBINE • Arnold, MD "Waiting in the Car"

"This portrait was drawn from a sketch I did while waiting in the car for my son's baseball practice to end. My sunglasses reflect the parking lot, and the background of the quilt reflects the colors and foliage of a summer day."



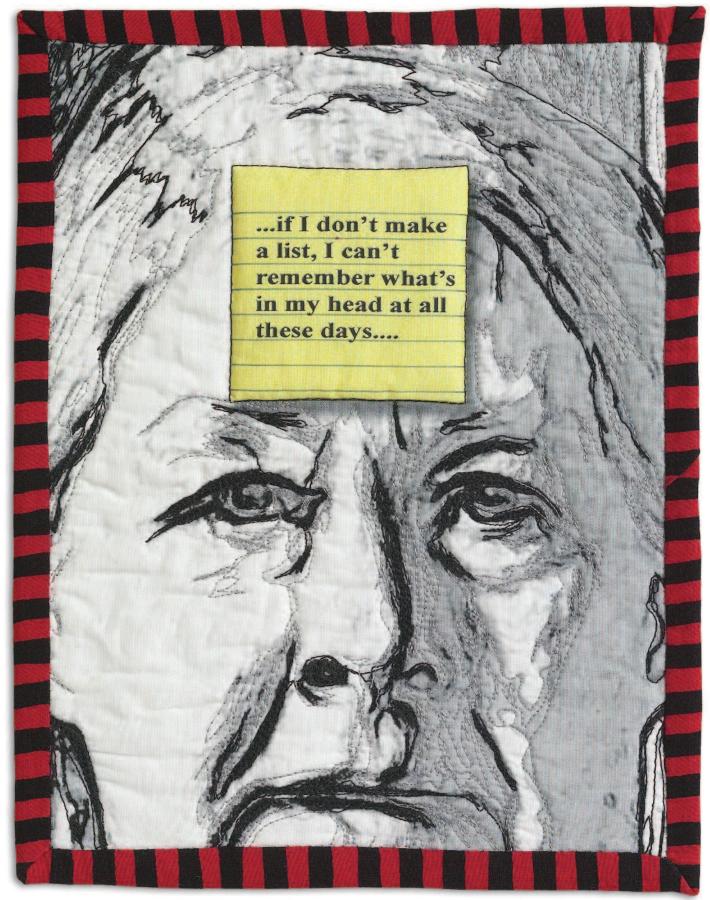
MARY STANLEY • Santa Barbara, CA "I live in the mountains above Santa Barbara and include

"I live in the mountains above Santa Barbara and included some of my favorite things: birds, flowers, and butterflies, and a fabric transfer of a man in water that reminded me of my husband."



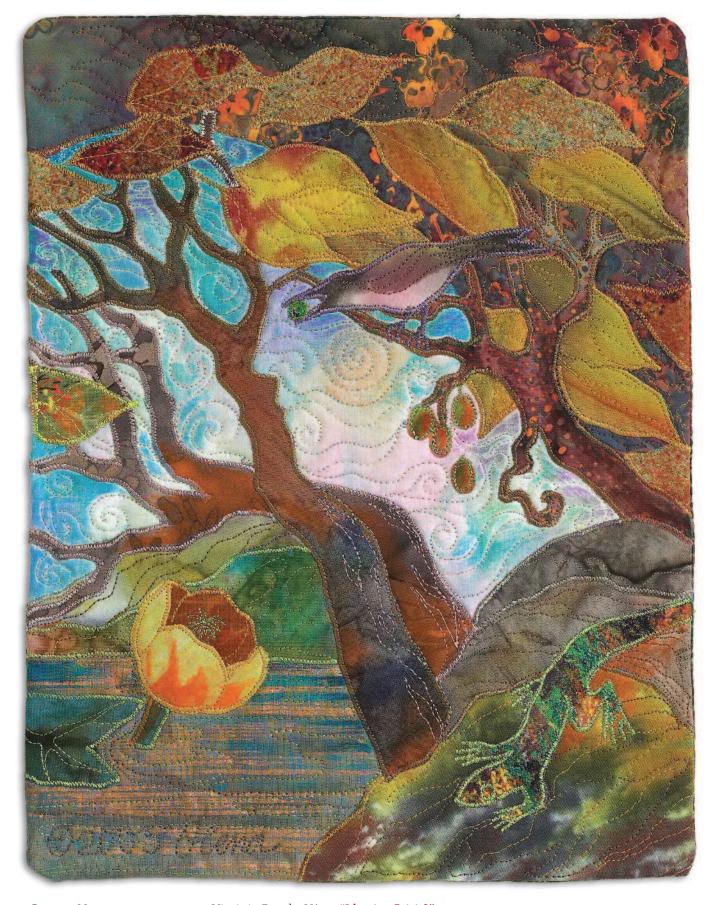
CAROL McDaniel • Laguna Hills, CA "Don't Give Me No More Bad News"

"The images we see of the world are reflected in our faces. Even if they are not our tragedy—we own them."



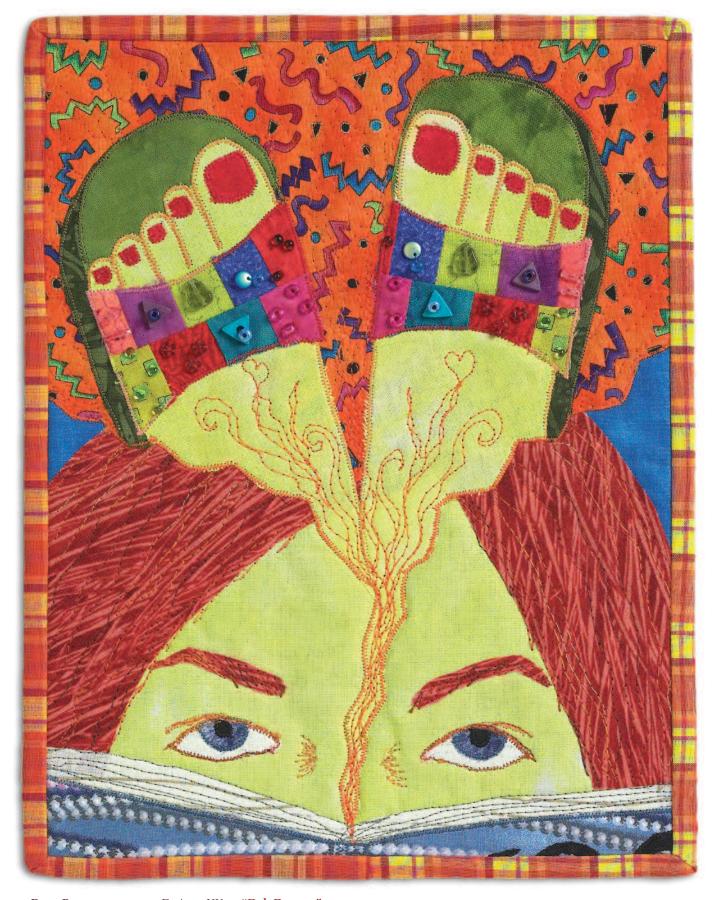
JENNIFER KELLEY • Arnold, NY

"I have now entered that age of forgetfulness. I am forever writing myself sticky notes to remind myself of all the things I want to do and the ideas that pass through my mind. You can find notes I've written myself all over the house. Some make sense, some do not."



OLENA NEBUCHADNEZZAR • Virginia Beach, VA • "Identity Crisis?"

"When I tried to recall how I see myself on any given day my thoughts would be interrupted by images of many amazing things in the natural world around me that keep inspiring me to create art. So, what came out is a portrait of my mind amazed with nature . . . and my face hidden within."



DEB RICHARDSON • Ewing, KY • "Deb Dreams"

"This self-portrait shows me daydreaming about one of my favorite things—new shoes! The shoes are loosely based on an actual pair I saw in a catalog and would have loved to buy but decided they didn't fit in my budget. This way I can always have my own version of them, if only in my dreams."



SABRINA ZARCO • Little Rock, AR "When I Look in the Mirror I See My Ancestors..."

"My portrait, like much of my work, features the skeleton woman. She is a symbol of culture, strength, and a remembrance that our ancestors are with us."



BARB ROUND • Yellow Knife, NT, Canada "Scuba Diva"

"I am an avid scuba diver, and love the absolute beauty and peace of the underwater world. When I am diving, I feel like a 'golden girl'—happy, serene, fulfilled."



THOMAS LANG • Rohnert Park, CA • "The Faces of Thomas: Father, Teacher, Learner"



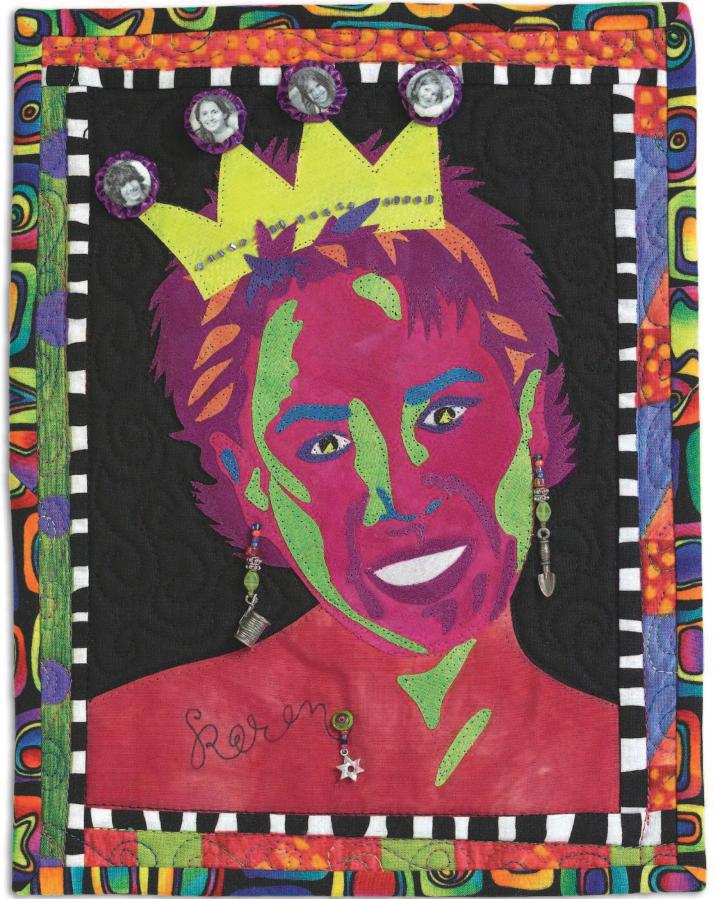
Kathy Downie • Richmond, IL • "Ideas Fly as Time Races By"

"With the responsibilities of everyday life, there is not enough time to create all the things from the ideas in my head, so instead, I have to 'think' about all the things I want to create as they fly by."



KATHIE BRIGGS • Charlevoix, MI • "The Show Must Go On"

[&]quot;My self-portrait is a snapshot of how I felt on a particular day. I had just received some disappointing news in the form of a rejection letter. I would have preferred to hole up and lick my wounds but instead I pasted a smile on my face and taught an art doll workshop."



KAREN FRICKE • Rockville, MD • "I Don't Wear Hats, but I'm Fine with My Tiara"

"The fuchsia hair shows no sign of grey, and my love of color is reflected in my complexion. My earrings dangle my passions—sewing and gardening, but the true jewels of my life are my 'cute-as-buttons' children: Michael, Megan, Sarah, and Katie."

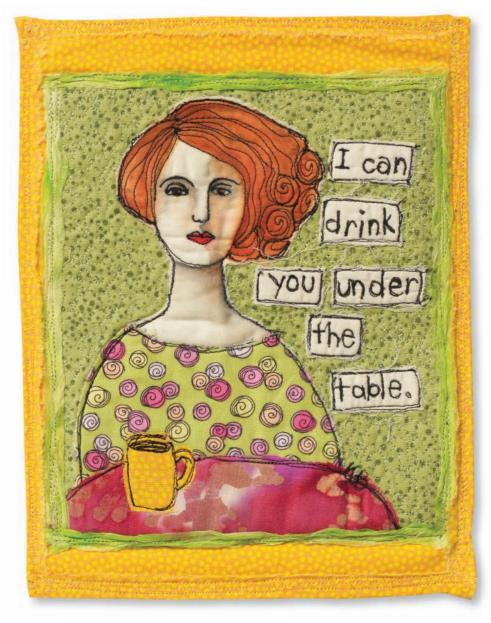


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Take a Coffee Break!

RESULTS FROM THE

Coffee or Tea.?' READER CHALLENGE



hen it comes to favorite beverages, coffee and tea are kings. That burst of caffeine gets the motor running and synapses firing as we greet a new day. And there are strong feelings between coffee and tea drinkers. Some love the quiet ritual of a tea ceremony, while others prefer the whoosh of a steaming coffee machine. And some love them both, at different times of the day or as a change from routine.

Kathleen Baumann • Phoenix, AZ

[&]quot;I Can Drink You Under The Table"

[&]quot;I have built up a tolerance to caffeine. Because of that I can drink with the big girls. Cowboy up!"



In the October/November 2012 issue of QUILTING ARTS, we challenged readers to create an 8" × 10" art quilt interpreting their connection to their beverage of choice, coffee or tea. We received over 100 entries and were dazzled by the creative ingenuity of the participants. Some regaled the mug as a cherished vessel, others used imagery of coffee beans and tea leaves, while still others showed how their favorite beverage—or lack of it!— made them feel. The quilts were made

of fabric, paper, leather, metal, and even fused glass, and were embellished with a myriad of surface design and mixed-media techniques. We even received a quilt-sized "tea bag" tucked inside its own "paper" envelope. They are all truly impressive!

Thank you to all of the readers who submitted a quilt for this challenge. All we can say is, cheers!

Carrie Hinds • Grand Junction, CO "Wired!"

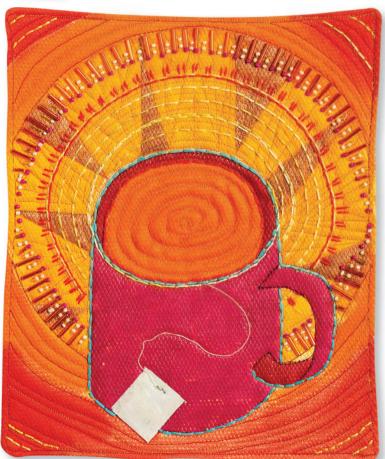
"I am 'wired' after having my coffee in the morning. I feel like my hair is on fire, my brain is coming up with a bazillion great ideas a minute, and I can complete all of them today!"



Susan Callahan • Silver Spring, MD

"Morning Green Tea"

"I drink green tea all day long, but the best cup is the one my husband brings me every morning in bed. I lie there with my eyes closed willing myself to awaken. For this quilt I glued vintage recipes from cookbooks, handwritten text, tea tags from my favorite teas, and tissue paper to muslin, and then added thread sketching, quilting, and paint."



Karen Loprete • Shelton, CT "The Sun Rises in My Teacup"

"I cannot start my day without at least a few sips of my tea. Ahhhh. OK, now you can talk to me! For this quilt, I started by dye-painting a piece of pale yellow upholstery fabric. I then painted the cup, added the tea bag label, and Mod-Podged® over them. I hand stitched with embroidery thread and perle cotton, and then added beads and baubles."



Evans Fletcher • Yakima, WA "Fill it Up—Espresso Please"

"I like my coffee big, bold, and strong. If I could have a mug of straight shots of espresso I would. I created a fused glass mug and used copper and brass for the quilt top. The middle layer is hand-dyed denim and the binding is deerskin."



Terry Aske • New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada

"Good Morning"

"The only thing better than my solitary morning cup of java is to meet a friend for coffee. And, of course, our coffee would be served on a mug rug! I assembled the coffee cups with fusible web and then adhered them to the pieced background. I made the steam with two layers of white tulle stitched to the background, surrounded with machine-stitched curlicues."



Sarah Ann Smith • Hope, ME "Tea With Milk"

"I have been a tea drinker since childhood, and prefer my tea with milk, no sugar. I took a photo of my afternoon teapot, mug, and pitcher to create this quilt."

Glad Howard • Gold Coast, Australia "Coffee Explosion"

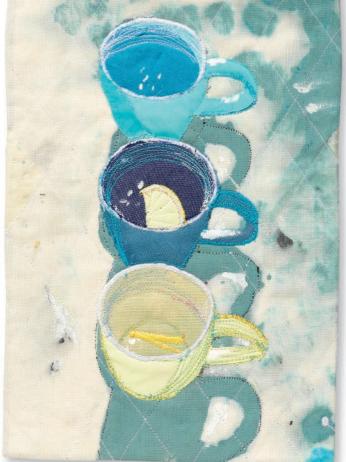
"The flavor and aroma of coffee get my creative juices flowing. In this piece I explored the potential of colorful singleserve coffee capsules. I manipulated the cups to form shapes that were then machine appliquéd onto hand-dyed cloth."





Eileen Torgerson • Great Falls, MT "Make Mine Kona, Please!"

"Born and living in landlocked Montana, somehow I have island envy. Utopia is sitting at Java Rock drinking a cup of Kona coffee. The coffee plant bears flowers and berries in various stages of ripeness at the same time. I chose to portray a branch of a coffee tree on a background of printed muslin with a market bag of beans in mind. The row of coffee beans is beads that I made."



Els Vereycken • Hasselt, Belgium "Simple Things Are Beautiful" "I love tea with lemon."



Sue Wilson • Boulder, CO

"Irish Tea"

"I brew a pot of Irish tea every morning and then use what is left over to dye fabric. Being a strong, dark tea, it makes great dye and I have used some of the tea-dyed fabrics in this quilt. The lettering was created with discharge paste and inks. The image of the tea pot is a silkscreen I made from a photo of my actual teapot. The quilt is embellished with tiny copper tea cups."

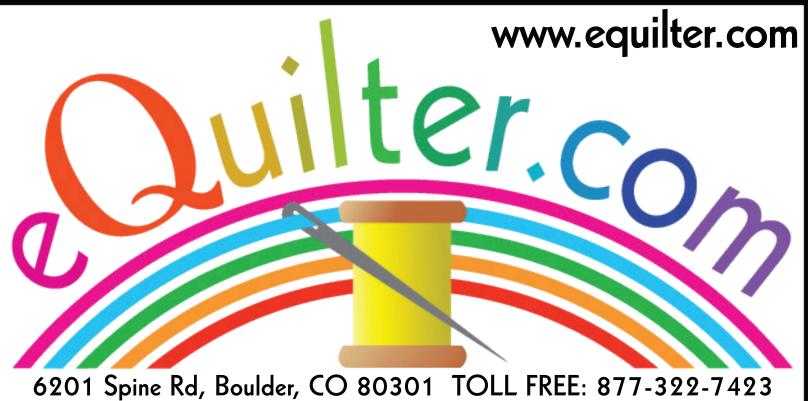


Debi Niemi • Woodinville, WA

"Tea for Two"

"I love to start my day with a hot cup of black tea.

My cat usually joins me on my lap for this ritual,
and it becomes tea for two!"







DON'T EAT THAT!



1. "Cat in Fridge"

Cindy Richard Beit Shemesh, Israel "My pet peeve is having a cat rummaging through my fridge—definitely not where she is supposed to be!"

3. "My Little Pet Peeves"

Wendi Bucey Paradise, CA "This quilt was inspired by all of my little animal helpers—two cats and two dogs. They love to help me garden and think the yummy veggies were planted just for them."

2. "No Free Lunch"

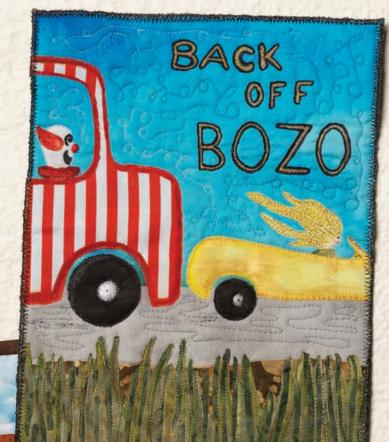
Darlene Kihne
Sioux Falls, SD

"Icelandic poppies are
simple, bright, and
elegant flowers with a
quirky stem. But the
minute the blooms open,
the bunnies are nibbling
away until only the stems
remain. I've given up
trying to grow them—the
bunnies win!"

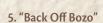
4. "The Nightmare in the Garden"

Wendy Dudley Wauna, WA

"My biggest pet peeve is the ongoing war over my flowers that I fight daily with the psycho rabbits that have invaded my lawn."



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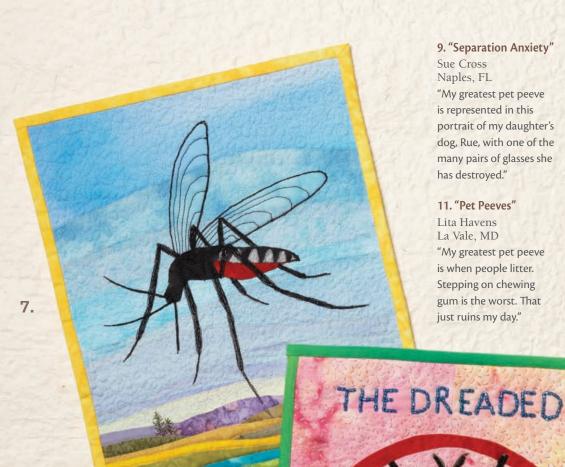


Cyndi Dininger Polk, OH "Tailgating is my biggest pet peeve. It is hard to know what to do when there is someone riding your bumper on a busy highway."

6. "Ouch!"

Debra Shaw Coshocton, OH "My pet peeve is when others open their car door and slam it into my carefully cared for vehicle."

STOP BUGGING ME



9. "Separation Anxiety"

Sue Cross Naples, FL

"My greatest pet peeve is represented in this portrait of my daughter's dog, Rue, with one of the many pairs of glasses she has destroyed."

11. "Pet Peeves"

Lita Havens La Vale, MD "My greatest pet peeve is when people litter. Stepping on chewing gum is the worst. That just ruins my day."

10. "Is Anyone Watching?"

Marcia Shipman Rutland, VT "My pet peeve is a dog that eats human food left for five seconds within her reach or even high on a counter."

12. "The Poopy Puppy"

Sue Clayton Manorville, NY "I believe that everyone—human and canine—should have clean recreation areas."

7. "Mosquito"

Judith Panson Lockport, Manitoba, Canada

"We wait through a long, extremely cold winter for spring to come. But with the growth of grass and beautiful flowers comes the mosquito! All the wide open spaces and wonderful warm weather, and we cower inside."

8. "The Dreaded Greenhead Fly"

Bonnie Ouellette Seneca, SC "As anyone who has visited the Atlantic shore during summer knows, the greenhead fly loves to eat you. They especially love you if you are sweaty or salty from swimming. There is no effective repellent."



8.

DOG DAYS



IN THE BATHROOM



DOMESTIC DISORDER



14. "Miss May in Action"
Sandra Bloom
San Antonio, TX
"...my orange tabby taking on

"...my orange tabby taking on the toilet paper roll in mortal combat."

15. "But There Was Still Some Left on the Roll"Geeg Aaker
Elko, MN

"My pet peeve is when a little bit of toilet paper is left on the roll."

16. "Ode to the Commode" Jennifer Rodriguez West Jordan, UT

"...when I need to use the bathroom and find a cardboard roll instead of toilet paper." Linda Oszajca North Las Vegas, NV "One of my pet peeves is dirty dishes piled in the sink."

18. "Clean the Screen!"

Daniel Farr Lynchburg, VA "I'm frustrated by those who fail to clean the lint off the dryer screen."

19. "Dirty Dishes"

Pauline Salzman Treasure Island, FL

"You cook a great meal and it takes hours. It is eaten in a flash and then you get to do the dishes."

19.

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Celebrating the 100th issue of QUILTING ARTS MAGAZINE



RESULTS FROM THE 'TEMPUS FUGIT' READER CHALLENGE

In the February/March issue we asked you, our readers, to make a quilt celebrating the passage of time as we celebrate this issue—our 100th. We received a variety of postcards with witty clocks, thoughtful interpretations of aging, and pensive analyses on metamorphosis. Each submission included the maker's artistic information or a brief line about the magazine, for which we are grateful and proud to share with you. We are pleased to share this gallery of our readers' work. We hope you enjoy the following pages of original art.





DENISE A. BUCKWALTER-LOSCZYK • CAPE VERDE, ARIZONA

"The postcard image is from a woodcut print I made as a teenager—time has flown by and I am now creating in my 60s!"



JENNIFER ROBERTS • CALWELL, ACT, AUSTRALIA

"Inspiration, amazement, enjoyment. Congratulations on your 100th issue! Thank you for a wonderful magazine. Quilting Arts inspires, showcases amazing creativity, and provides many hours of enjoyment."



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SUSAN FORDYCE • INDIANPOLIS, INDIANA "The soft air warms as we walk along. We feel our path stretch and breathe after the long winter rest."



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SYLVIA SCHRÖTER KRONBERG IM TAUNUS, GERMANY

"The plastic bottles represent the waste we produce. Gears symbolize time that does not stop. The gears are red as a warning and to say, 'pay attention!' The Earth is a symbol of the environment which we risk destroying with waste. A long time will pass before the blue planet will recover."



SUE MARCOTTE • SPRINGVILLE, CALIFORNIA "Time flies, now transformed!"



IINA ALHO • HAMAR, NORWAY
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